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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 79-114 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 79-114 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on September 8, 2006 has been entered.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 80-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 80, it is unclear what further limitation is intended to be implied by reciting the duration of the resultant hair removal. Claim 96 is indefinite because it is unclear how the device can be configured so that "the diffuser is larger in area than the input" when claim 94, from which claim 96 depends, requires that the light be distributed "uniformly across the input of the diffuser". This claim is too indefinite to apply art to.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 79-85, 88, 90-95, 97, 98, 101-103, and 105-114 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Slatkine (WO '633).

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See generally the entire document, and especially Figures 4a-d, 5d, 6a, 6bg, 7a-c, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b, 10a, 10b, 1112a, 12b, 13, 14a, 14b, 15e, 15f, 16, 17a and pages 4, 9-11, 14-16, 22-32, and 41-44.

Claims 87 and 100 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slatkine (WO '633) in combination with Connors et al. Slatkine (WO '633) teach a device such as claimed, as set forth above, but does not disclose the device as including a flashlamp per se. Connors et al teach the desirability of using a flash lamp pumped Nd:YAG laser for hair removal. It would have been obvious to the artisan of ordinary skill to employ a flash lamp pumped Nd:YAG laser in the device of flash lamp pumped Nd:YAG laser since this is appropriate for hair removal, as taught by Connors et al, and emits within the preferred range of Slatkine (WO '633), thus producing device such as claimed.

Claims 86, 89, 99, and 104 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slatkine (WO '633) in combination with Grove et al ('901). Slatkine (WO '633) teach a device such as claimed, as set forth above, but does not disclose the device as including a diode bar per se. Grove et al ('901) teach the desirability of using diode bars in a dermatological device. It would have been obvious to the artisan of ordinary skill to employ the diode bars of Grove et al ('901) in the device of Slatkine (WO '633) since this provides high intensity light, thus producing device such as claimed.

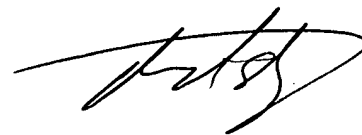
Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 79-114 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to david shay whose telephone number is (571) 272-4773. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor, II, can be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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